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Potato Stocks
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North Dakota

North Dakota growers, dealers and processors held 2.80 million hundredweight (cwt) of potatoes in storage May 1, 2010, down 33 percent from a year ago and May 1, 2008. This is according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Current stocks represent 15 percent of production, down from 19 percent last year, and 18 percent two years ago. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to May 1 totaled 16.3 million cwt, down from 18.5 million cwt a year ago and 19.5 million cwt two years ago. April disappearance totaled 2.20 million cwt, up from 2.10 million cwt a year ago and 1.8 million cwt two years ago.

United States

The 13 major potato States held 87.0 million cwt of potatoes in storage May 1, 2010, up 11 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 23 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, 2 percentage points above May 1, 2009.

Potato disappearance, at 297 million cwt, was 2 percent above May 1, 2009. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 26.6 million cwt, was up 19 percent from the same date in 2009. Processors in the 9 major States have used 142 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 5 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 26.6 million cwt of the total processing, down 6 percent from last year.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks
13 Major States and United States, May 1, 2009-2010

State	Crop of 2008		Crop of 2009		
	Production	Stocks May 1, 2009	Production	Stocks	
				April 1, 2010	May 1, 2010
	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt
North Dakota	22,680	4,200	19,125	5,000	2,800
California ¹	3,948	500	4,158	800	600
Colorado	21,907	5,900	22,080	8,100	4,900
Idaho	116,475	32,500	131,000	51,000	36,500
Maine	14,769	3,700	15,263	6,000	3,900
Michigan	14,875	700	15,660	1,200	²
Minnesota	20,400	4,400	20,700	7,300	4,900
Montana	3,465	²	3,347	2,000	600
Nebraska	8,245	1,200	8,756	2,200	1,100
New York	5,696	²	4,950	500	²
Oregon	18,676	5,300	21,460	8,000	5,300
Washington	93,000	16,500	88,450	28,300	21,300
Wisconsin	25,730	2,200	28,980	8,600	4,900
Other States		1,000			230
13 State Total¹	369,866	78,100	383,929	129,000	87,030

¹ April 1, 2010 revised.

² Combined into "Other States" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.